

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 were originally filed in the present application.

Claims 1-24 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1-22 were allowed in the October 23, 2007 Office Action.

Claims 23 and 24 were rejected in the October 23, 2007 Office Action.

Claims 1-24 remain in the present application.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

In the October 23, 2007 Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 23-24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,865,398 to *Mangal, et al.* (hereafter, simply “Mangal”) and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,389,276 to *Brilla, et al.* (hereafter, simply “Brilla”) and GB-2315386 to *Hopkinson* (hereafter, simply “Hopkinson”).

The Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse the Examiner’s arguments in support of the rejection. The Applicants direct the Examiner’s attention to Claim 23, which states:

A mobile station for communicating with a base station of a wireless network, said mobile station capable of operating in a full slot cycle mode and a reduced slot cycle mode

wherein, in response to a determination from a traffic monitor associated with said base station that said use of said reduced slot cycle mode by said mobile station interferes with scheduling of paging message transmissions by said mobile station, the mobile station is capable of receiving from said base station a first control message indicating that said reduced slot cycle mode is disabled in said base station. (emphasis added).

Notably, Claim 23 currently requires that, *in response to a determination from a traffic monitor associated with said base station, said use of said reduced slot cycle mode by said mobile*

station interferes with scheduling of paging message transmissions by said mobile station. In addition, the mobile station is capable of receiving from said base station a first control message indicating that said *reduced slot cycle mode is disabled in said base station.*

The Examiner has cited the Hopkinson reference in place of the previous Chua reference to provide a new ground for the above §103 rejection. However, the Hopkinson reference teaches a generic access control associated with a generic parameter: “the operations of continuously monitoring the traffic load upon a base station associated with the cell and varying continuously in response thereto a parameter adapted to control the access of new mobile stations to the said base station” (Hopkinson, page 2, lines 23-26). As the Examiner is well aware, the control of access by a new mobile station to a base station is substantially different from a control message to an already registered mobile station “indicating that said *reduced slot cycle mode is disabled in said base station.*”

Furthermore, the Mangal reference, either alone or in any combination with the Brilla and/or the Hopkinson reference, fails to teach or disclose, for example, the limitation of responding to any determination from a traffic monitor associated with the base station, let alone a response which determines that the use of the reduced slot cycle mode by the mobile station interferes with scheduling of paging message transmissions by the mobile station, as currently required by Claim 23 and dependent Claim 24.

Moreover, there is nothing within any of the cited references to prompt one of ordinary skill to selectively combine discrete elements from each and then *seek out* still others as currently required

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by Claims 23 and 24. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the §103 rejection to Claims 23 and 24.

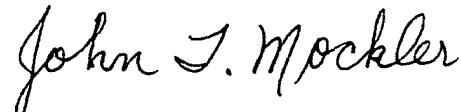
SUMMARY

For the reasons given above, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims and that this application be passed to issue. If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at jmockler@munckbutrus.com.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

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